

House Resolution No. 2823

Whereas, it is with tremendous admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the special accomplishments garnered by John A. Chance and his descendants during the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first centuries in mid-Missouri; and

Whereas, residents of Centralia, Chance family members will be feted with well-deserved honors and accolades at the 2003 Anchor Festival, "Anchored in the Chance Legacy", on Friday, May 30, 2003; and

Whereas, long known for such construction industry products as the "Never Creep" anchor and "Thimbleeye" anchor rod, the Chance family founded A.B. Chance Company, Chance Manufacturing, and The Chance Foundation to serve as venues for members activities as businessmen, entrepreneurs, and philanthropists; and

Whereas, the Chance family and its Foundation have made many noteworthy contributions to Centralia, including land for Chance Elementary School and Centralia City Park; financial support of religious and educational programs at Mount Olive Baptist Church, First Christian Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, A.M.E. Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, United Methodist Church, Assembly of God Church, Parkview Christian Church, Friendship Christian Church, and the Catholic Church; and funding for Boy Scouts of America, Little League Baseball, Bart Johnson Baseball, Centralia Saddle Club, Centralia Livestock Show, Sportsman Club, Centralia Fair Board, Future Farmers of America, Spry Juvenile Home, Jo-Lane Story Hour, Centralia Softball Association, Town and Country Tri-Center Association, the Public Library, Girl Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Centralia Senior Citizens, and Centralia Historical Society; and

Whereas, Chance family members have also been distinguished as local political leaders who led the way for much of the Centralia community's development, infrastructure, and institutions that make it such a good community in which to reside, work, and pursue recreation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar, longstanding contributions given by the Chance family and its Foundation to the citizens and institutions of Centralia and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest best wishes as they partake of the opportunities and pleasures offered by the "Anchored in the Chance Legacy" community festival on May 30, 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the John A. Chance family of Centralia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Wes Shoemyer
District No. 9

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2823, adopted May 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker